

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULE-MAKING

AGENCY: Department of Marine Resources
STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 M.R.S. §§6172, 6192, 6193 & 6194
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BASIS STATEMENT

The Commissioner of the Maine Department of Marine Resources promulgates the emergency DMR Chapter 96.10 Area No. 164-C, Offshore Maine Islands (Lobster Management Zones C and D). This rule closes the waters in Lobster Management Zones C and D to harvest of carnivorous snails, due to an increase in PSP levels nearshore and a lack of monitoring on offshore islands. All existing pollution and red tide/psp closures remain in effect. As authorized by 12 M.R.S. §§6172, 6192, 6193 & 6194 the Commissioner of Marine Resources adopts emergency amendments to Chapter 96.10.

RULE TITLE AND SUBJECT: DMR Chapter 96.10 Area No. 164-C, Offshore Maine Islands (Lobster Management Zones C and D from Bristol to Surry), is promulgated as follows:

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Effective immediately, because of paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP), it shall be unlawful to take or possess any carnivorous snails between the eastern line of Lobster Management Zone C and the western line of Lobster Management Zone D.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 11, 2012

EFFECTIVE TIME: 4:01 PM

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